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1. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 20 VOTED
7 TO 4 TO APPROVE THE MARIANAS COVENANT. CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN
AND SENATOR PERCY ENTERED INTO THE RECORD LETTERS OF SUPPORT
FROM THE PRESIDENT AND ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AND
MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES TENORIO AND PANGELINAN SPOKE IN
FAVOR.

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2. SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED SAME DAY 4 TO 2 TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF THE COVENANT UNTIL COMPANION RESOLUTION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IS BEFORE THE CONGRESS. TWO ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARE TO BE POLLED BUT THAT IS NOT EXPECTED TO CHANGE THE RESULTANT RECOMMENDATION FOR DELAY.

3. AT AN AS YET UNSCHEDULED TIME BETWEEN NOW AND JAN. 27, WHEN THE JOINT REPORT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES IS DUE TO THE FULL SENATE, THE FULL ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO CONSIDER THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DELAY. THE FULL COMMITTEE VOTE CANNOT BE CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED AT THIS POINT, BUT IT APPEARS TO BE LESS COMMITTED TO DELAY THAN THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. IN SUM, WHEN THE SENATE CONSIDERS THE MARIANAS RESOLUTION -- POSSIBLY IN EARLY FEBRUARY -- TWO OF THE THREE COMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION, INTERIOR AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, WILL RECOMMEND APPROVAL, AND THE THIRD, ARMED SERVICES, HAS NOT YET DECIDED.

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